

**Montgomery Ward & Company, Incorporated Annual Report -- 1915**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT**

**Montgomery Ward & Co., Inc.**

**1915**

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To STOCKHOLDERS.

We take pleasure in furnishing you a copy of the Annual Statement for the year 1915, as compiled by Arthur Young & Co., C. P. A.

MONTGOMERY WARD & CO., INC.,  
CHAS. H. THORNE, *Pres.*

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR 1915

Sales . . . . .	\$49,308,587.26
Net Profit after charging all Administrative and Operating Expenses, including depreciation . . . . .	\$2,472,657.70
Deduct: Preferred Stock Dividends paid during year . . . . .	350,000.00
Net undivided Profits for the year . . . . .	\$2,122,657.70

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1915

ASSETS

REAL ESTATE, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT:	
Land and Buildings . . . . .	\$4,362,345.93
Machinery and Equipment . . . . .	1,391,899.92
	\$ 5,754,245.85
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash . . . . .	\$2,681,150.66
Accounts Receivable . . . . .	843,394.03
Notes Receivable—	
Secured by Mortgages on Real Estate . . . . .	\$1,128,500.00
Sundry . . . . .	5,105.50
	1,133,605.50
Investments . . . . .	242,206.25
Inventories . . . . .	8,010,392.43
	12,910,748.87
DEFERRED:	
Prepaid Rents . . . . .	\$ 66,483.73
1916 Catalogues . . . . .	245,783.62
	312,267.35
	\$18,977,262.07

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable . . . . .	\$2,209,085.94
Accrued Taxes . . . . .	131,605.21
	2,340,691.15
DEBENTURE BONDS	
CASH HELD IN TRUST TO RETIRE SAME . . . . .	\$ 170,000.00
	170,000.00
CAPITAL STOCK AND SURPLUS:	
Preferred Stock, 7% Cumulative, Authorized . . . . .	\$10,000,000.00
Outstanding	
Common Stock:	
300,000 shares of no par value, represented by . . . . .	5,000,000.00
Surplus:	
As at December 31, 1914 . . . . .	\$ 2,227,517.20
Less: Common Stock Dividend paid . . . . .	900,000.00
	1,327,517.20
Undivided Profits for 1915 (as above) . . . . .	2,122,657.70
	3,450,174.90
Made up of:	
Reserved as provided in Company's Charter . . . . .	\$ 1,500,000.00
Remainder available for Common Stock Dividends . . . . .	1,950,174.90
	3,450,174.90
	\$18,977,262.07

We have audited the books of Montgomery Ward & Company, Inc., for the year ending December 31, 1915, and submit Condensed Statement of Earnings for the year and Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1915.  
 The year's profits after providing for depreciation on buildings and equipment and allowing for Bad and Doubtful Accounts amount to \$2,472,657.70. Before any dividends are paid on the Common Stock out of these profits, a sum of \$500,000 must be set aside as provided in the Company's Charter. Inventories have been taken at cost or under. In our opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet correctly sets forth the condition of the Company as at December 31, 1915.

Chicago, January 29, 1916.

ARTHUR YOUNG & CO.  
 Certified Public Accountants.